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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KULLER ET AL.

Examiner

Melvin Curtis Mayes

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 14-16 and 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Interpretation

(1)

The claims claim producing a "label." According to the specification, printed output capable of serving as a label is capable of adhering to a selected contact or display surface and includes self-adhering documents usable in a wide range of applications. The claims are interpreted in view of this broad description of "label."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

(2)

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

(3)

Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin in view of Pausel et al. 5,075,721.

IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin discloses a method of making adhesive documents for binding comprising: producing a document in a copier or printer; and applying pressure sensitive double-coated tape on the document, wherein the double-coated tape is provided in segments on a backing web fed from a supply spool or reel. IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin does not disclose selecting media from a set of media of varying size for printing by the copier or printer.

Pausel et al. teach that printers and copiers include multiple trays for holding different sizes of paper to obviate having to remove and replace a single tray (col. 1, lines 5-40).

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Providing the copier or printer of the IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin with media of varying size would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, as Pausel et al. teach that printers and copiers include multiple trays for holding different sizes of paper to obviate having to remove and replace a single tray. By providing the copier or printer with multiple trays holding different sizes of paper, media is obviously selected from a set of media of varying size for printing by the copier or printer for producing the document. By applying a pressure sensitive double-coated tape on the printed document, a "label" is produced in that the document is self-adhering.

Providing the double-coated tape as perforated or with complete cuts through the tape (film), as claimed in Claims 15 and 16, would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art as methods of providing the tape as segments on the backing web.

Allowable Subject Matter

(4)

Claims 12 and 26 are allowed.

Conclusion

(5)


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin Curtis Mayes whose telephone number is 571-272-1234. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on 571-272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.


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